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WELCOME ABOARD HMLA-469 "Vengeance"

Dear Vengeance Marine, Spouse, and Family,

Welcome to HMLA-469! My wife Joyce and I are excited to have you join us as new members of the Vengeance family. The most valuable asset to this squadron is the individual Marine and their families. The very success of Vengeance as a Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron rests not only on the Marine, but on the support and commitment of their families.

As the Commanding Officer of HMLA-469, it is my goal to ensure our Vengeance Marines and their families are able to manage the inevitable stressors of Squadron life. As a husband and father of two sons, I know firsthand that this is often easier said than done. Our Family Readiness Program strives to provide resource information, training, and access to support in order to ensure Vengeance family members are **WELCOMED, INFORMED, RESILIENT, and READY**. It's not easy to balance the challenges of military lifestyle, family, career, and mission events, but I will do everything in my power to ensure you and your Marine are well taken care of.

Mrs. Rebecca Fell Ranshaw serves as the Squadron's Family Readiness Officer (FRO) and is the critical link between our Vengeance Marines, their families, and the information and resources they often need. She will provide you with information on squadron functions as well as resources and opportunities on Camp Pendleton and in the larger San Diego area. She can also assist you with information and referral services as well as Readiness and Deployment support. As the FRO, Rebecca stands ready to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have and can be reached at [rebecca.fellranshaw@usmc.mil](mailto:rebecca.fellranshaw@usmc.mil) or by phone at (858) 603-7926.

Thank you for supporting your Marines decision to serve our country. I know how much you must sacrifice in order to allow your Marine to focus on the tasks and missions at hand. Again, thank you for your commitment to the Vengeance family! Joyce and I look forward to meeting each of you over the coming months.

Semper Fidelis,

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Commanding Officer